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City hosts seminar to help you save money and the environment

Medicine Hat – Starting in February, the City of Medicine Hat Environment department is hosting a free Residential Energy Conservation Seminar.

The first seminar is Wednesday, Feb. 6, 2008. Subsequent seminars will be held the first Wednesday of each month.

"The seminars will help the public learn about ways to reduce their energy bills and save money," says Wayne Perehudoff, Energy Conservation Coordinator. "There will also be information about available government grants for homeowners to improve the energy efficiency of their homes, and information on renewable energies, such as solar, wind, geothermal."

The seminars are being held in Council Chambers at City Hall (580 - 1 St. SE) from 6:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m. The instructor is Stephen Farrel, a Certified Energy Advisor and owner of VerdaTech Energy Management & Consulting Inc. Farrel will be available for questions from 8:30 p.m. - 9 p.m.

Participants will receive a \$200 discount coupon towar ds a \$400 home energy audit completed by VerdaTech (\$100 incentive from the City of Medicine Hat and \$100 discount from VerdaTech). An energy audit is required when applying for a federal government ecoEnergy Retrofit Grant.

The seminar is free of charge, but a reservation is required to attend.

To make a reservation, or if you require further information, contact Wayne Perehudoff, Energy Conservation Coordinator at 525-8823 or conserve@medicinehat.ca

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